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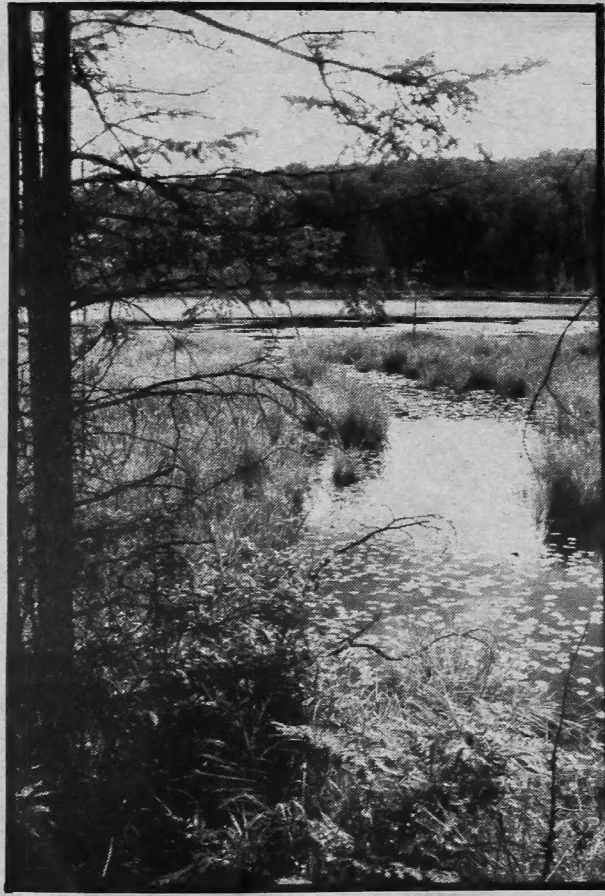
Beauty and tranquility await the Highlands' traveller at every turn

PEOPLE WHO KNOW the Haliburton Highlands in all four seasons will tell you that Autumn is the best of them. The hectic summer pace has slowed and by late September, there is an air of tranquility among the hills and highways that isn't matched at any other time of the year. Autumn is the briefest of the seasons, lasting no more than five or six weeks, but how beautiful and invigorating those months can be. In Autumn, perhaps more than in winter, summer or spring, nature is close to us and we to it.

For the few weeks in which the hillsides blaze with colour and the lakes are shrouded in mist, there is time to savour the sights and sounds of change. Autumn is a season for looking and listening, for walking in the woods or paddling across a mirror-smooth lake, for travelling back roads where the pace of the city is left far behind.

A traveller in the Highlands will find much that is memorable no matter when he comes, but it is in the blaze of Autumn that the uniqueness of the northern Ontario landscape is best experienced. Nowhere else in the world is the transition from summer's languid heat to winter's bitter cold marked by such an awesome spectacle of colour as in the mixed hardwood forests that rim the Canadian Shield.

The Haliburton County Echo, and the merchants whose advertising support makes publication of this supplement possible, invite you to take a scenic tour of the Highlands; to see shimmering lakes and rugged hillsides at their best, to take a new look at familiar surroundings or discover places you may not have visited before. Pack a picnic, watch water tum-



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by
Len Pizzey**

ble between corridors of bark and leaves, capture the landscape on film, visit the small and friendly communities on the highways and back roads of the Highlands.

To help you plan an autumn journey, this supplement contains details on three tours. Each follows well-maintained roads and affords many opportunities to glimpse places of scenic and historical interest.

There are, of course, many other routes than those suggested here. Any road in Haliburton County, whether it is smoothly paved and frequently travelled, or narrow, twisting and more isolated, can lead you to places with particular charm. Don't hesitate to wander wherever a whim may take you. If a back road beckons, answer the call. There are sure to be pleasant surprises. For no matter where you choose to travel, the Haliburton Highlands are a matchless autumn destination.

For the sake of simplicity, all the tours outlined in this supplement begin and end in Haliburton Village. They can be picked up at any point and altered in any way you wish. All roads in the tours allow passing, although some require a reasonable degree of caution. If you park to take pictures or get closer to a particular site, remember to pick a safe spot and get as far off the road as possible.

One of the best ways to experience the quiet beauty of the forests is to hike along a portion of some of the cross country ski and snowmobile trails that cross the country. Many of them intersect county and municipal roads. For more maps and advice, visit the Chamber of Commerce office on Highway 35 at Minden, or ask any local tourist operator.

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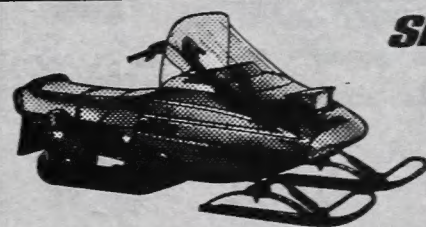
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Tips on capturing autumn's spectacle on film

ONE OF THE best ways to experience Autumn in the Highlands is to take along a camera and capture images that you can savour in the months and years ahead. Here are a few hints on taking photographs that you'll be proud to keep and display.

If it is a bright, sunny day, be sure to use a film with a relatively low ASA number, 200 or below. In general, these films, whether slide, print or black and white, have finer grain than "faster" films, and produce sharper images,

especially if you want to enlarge the pictures substantially.

Don't be discouraged if it is cloudy and gray. In some ways, it is easier to take good pictures on overcast days, because you'll have less trouble with exposure. On bright, sunny days, images are easily overexposed, especially if you are shooting in the direction of the sun. It is usually better to keep the sun behind you when you're composing your shots.

If you have a camera that allows you to manually select exposures, you may want to try

underexposing some shots by one stop. This can be particularly effective with slides, creating darker skies and more vivid colours. If you're shooting through dense woods with a brighter area, such as a lake, behind, you'll have to choose to expose either for the shaded area or for the most brightly lit area. Try the same shot both ways to be sure you've got the picture you want.

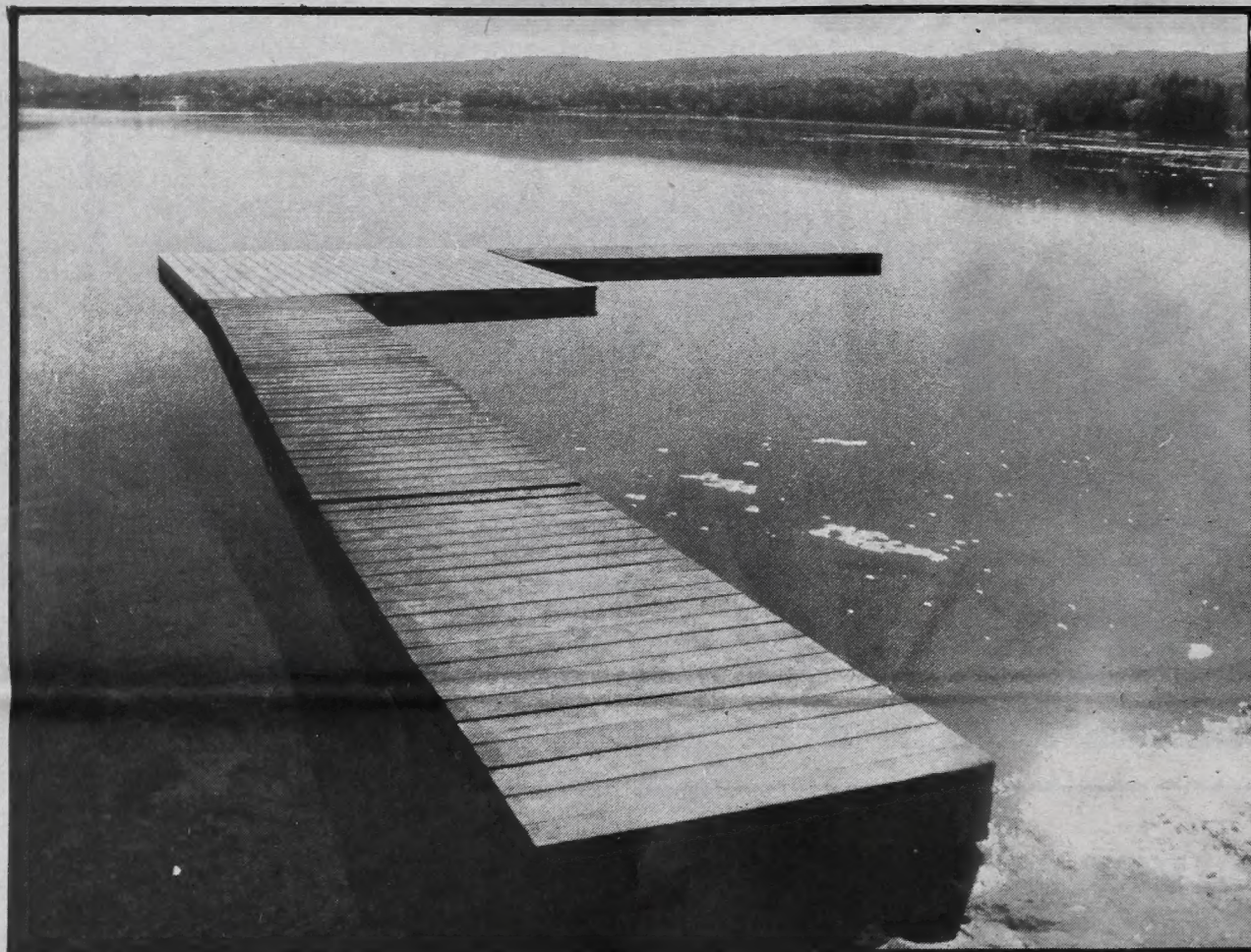
To get arresting images of flowing water, use a slow shutter speed (a tripod is necessary when you slow the shutter below one thirtieth of a second.) Try taking shots with exposures of half a second or one second if your camera and lens apertures allow for proper exposures at those speeds. The flowing water will appear soft and cottony.

To add interest to your collection of autumn pictures, take closeups as well as scenes. Fallen leaves against bare rock, individual leaves, an old cedar rail fence, a runner of red ivy wrapped around a decaying tree trunk—these details are everywhere.

If you can control shutter speed and lens aperture on your camera, you can take advantage of the creative effects of manipulating depth of field. By using a low number F stop, you can select which portion of a scene you want to be in focus, while other parts will be out of focus. This technique is particularly effective if you want to frame a scene with leaves only a few feet in front of the picture. Examples of this kind of picture can also be found in this supplement.

And finally, don't be afraid to use black and white film as well as colour. Choose scenes with high contrast and the results can be striking, conveying a sense of colour through gradations ranging from white, through gray, to black.

Photography can help you see what's around you in greater detail. And it can be a relaxing and rewarding way to enjoy autumn, the most photogenic of seasons.



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HISTORY AND BEAUTY intermingle in the quiet realms of eastern Haliburton County. Bustling hamlets and long-forgotten pioneer settlements, vibrant tones of ochre, rust and gold fascinate the traveller and delight the camera enthusiast.

Our tour begins in Haliburton Village and if you get an early start, you may catch a glimpse of Haliburton Village shrouded by the mists of Head Lake as the September sun rises over the surrounding hills.

From the stop lights on Highland Street, take Highway 121 east and travel up the "mountain" to the Skyline Park entrance on the right hand side, just before the crest of the hill. The pleasant drive into the park is almost as enjoyable as the expansive view of Dysart Township offered by the lookout. Since the park was opened in 1958 by then-premier of Ontario, Leslie Frost, the lookout has been a favourite picnic spot for local residents and travellers. There are picnic tables and stone barbecues at the lookout if you happen to arrive near meal time.

On Highway 121 again, still heading east, the

road dips and rises through the forest. Although the highway is well travelled and cuts a wide swath through the countryside, the trees and lakes that it weaves around are still a pleasing sight. As your car rounds every corner there is always another postcard picture ahead.

The highway meets with the shores of Loon Lake about eight kilometers from Haliburton Village. The road makes short, tight turns around the lake and on a sunny autumn day with huge cumulus clouds floating overhead, there are few better sights than Loon Lake. Just before the road meanders away from the lake, there is a pull-over area on the right. It's an ideal spot to take a few photos of the fall colours reflected on the cool, clear surface of the undisturbed lake.

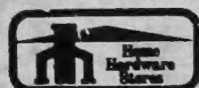
Continue on Highway 121, enjoying the uniqueness of Haliburton County featuring side roads like Trappers Trail. A short distance later, as you round a curve, take the Essonville Line to the left. This wilderness-like "back way" into the hamlet of Wilberforce is not only scenic, but it also passes sights of historic and local significance.

Less than a kilometre after the turnoff, the Essonville Church, one of the first built in the county, stands as a memorial to the pioneers of Monmouth Township. The church is used just once a year, when a special ceremony is held to commemorate the area's forefathers.

The long climb up Vinegar Hill is easy today, but in the era of horses and cutters, it was a real challenge. The hill, one of the highest in the county, provides an impressive view of the countryside. Long-time residents still recall the days before snowploughs and mechanical sanders when climbing Vinegar Hill with a horse and sleigh, or even a car, took determination.

From the top of Vinegar Hill, the road begins

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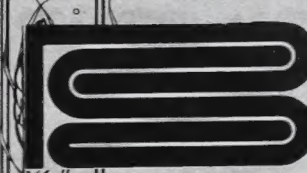
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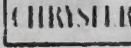
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Quiet Irondale once dreamed of a boom

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railway bed of the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa rail line can be seen.

About four miles out of Gooderham, a road to the left, the Irondale Road, can take the traveller through more rugged land. The road crosses a one lane bridge over the Irondale River and nears the Irondale Church, which is structurally appealing and exquisitely situated in the fields of Snowdon Township. The church can be seen from a sharp corner in the Irondale Road, and is worth a short side trip either to take photographs or to study its structure.

On the Irondale Road once again, cross the wooden bridge over the Irondale River and meet Highway 503 to continue your journey.

The town of Irondale has dwindled — only a general store remains — but at one time an entire townsite was surveyed when mining men thought an iron boom was on the way.

Until iron was discovered in the area in the 1870's, the area was called Devil's Creek, but after the discovery, the name was changed to Irondale. The iron industry was shortlived, marred by bankruptcies and broken dreams. A fire finally destroyed the smelter built in the area, ending Irondale's brief boom.

At the intersection with 503, turn left. The road-weary can break at a pleasant picnic area, just a little further up the road. The parkette is situated beside a small waterfall on the Irondale River. As well as providing an excellent picnic area, the river and the trees can provide some excellent shots for the camera buff.

Continuing on, the highway winds its way through forests and past land that was cleared many years ago for farming. Abandoned homes and barns speak of failed dreams.

The highway leads to the village of Kinmount, which is famous, at least locally, for its annual fall fair, held each Labour Day week-end. As

you enter the village, look to the left, just before the intersection with Highway 121. The brick schoolhouse, grandiose in style, will bring back many fond memories to travellers.

On the Burnt River, which cuts its way through the hamlet, Austin's sawmill, which until recently operated by water power, affords many pictures for photographers and painters, who will be intrigued by its old wood and old-

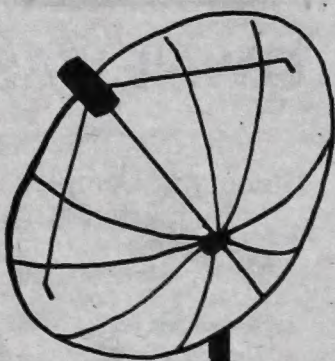
time mill appearance. It is hoped the mill can one day be restored to operating condition as a tourist attraction.

In Kinmount another deviation can be made. Turn right onto Highway 121 and in the middle of the business core, make a left turn onto Highway 503, which leads to Norland and Highway 35. This route will eventually take

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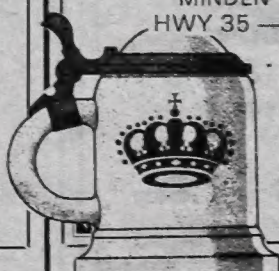
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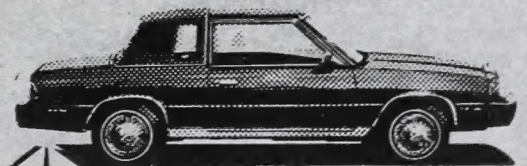
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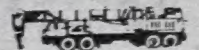


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travellers north to Minden or south to metropolitan areas.

To follow the eastern tour, continue on Highway 121 through the town until you reach County Road One, formerly Highway 519. At this intersection, travellers may stay on Highway 121 to Minden or follow the route until it returns to Haliburton Village.

The settlements along County Road One speak mainly of the history of the rail line in Haliburton County. The line, which has been cut off from service since 1978 and has been abandoned by the rail company, was the only modern means of travel to the area in pioneer days.

Gelert, now only a cluster of houses, was once a booming rail town with a station, school and streets that were surveyed but never opened.

First named Little Ireland, Gelert was renamed by the Orange Lodge supporting settlers who could not tolerate the reference to Ireland. In yesteryear, all freight or passengers en route to Minden had to leave the train at Gelert and travel the remainder of the distance by horse or on foot. One sight that should not be missed along this route is the enchanting Richie Falls. Take the Richie Falls Road, about five kilometres east of Gelert, and follow it to the end. The water lashed rocks and the trees form a boundary around this naturally beautiful area.

On County Road One, the hamlet of Lochlin boasts an honest-to-goodness general store. As well as providing necessities to the local residents, the store is bedecked with antiques that are as interesting as its old-fashioned two storey structure.

Donald is the next stop of note along the route. Turning right into the townsite the skeletal remains of the Standard Chemical Company factory can be seen. In 1908, Donald Wood Pro-

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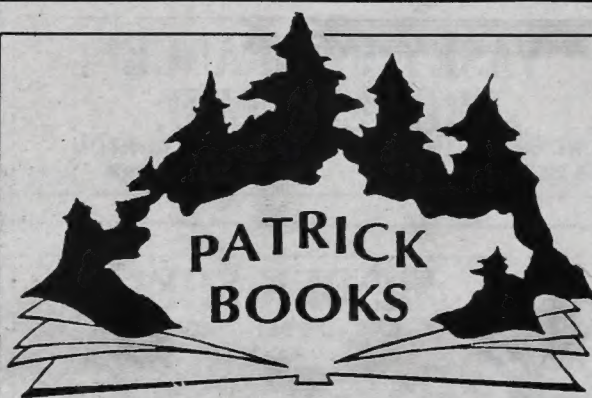
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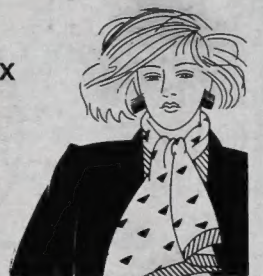
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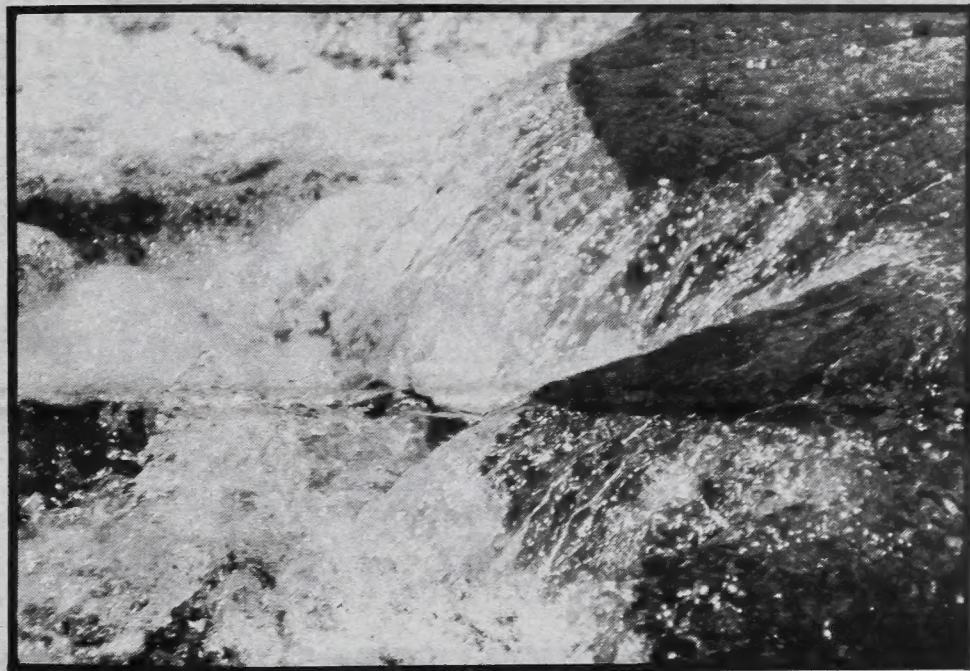
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Now, head back to County Road One, driving toward Haliburton.

This tour through the eastern sector of the county highlights many historic sites, unmatched in other areas of the county and can be modified into an all-day route or shortened for a few hours enjoyment. But by all means, take your time. Stop, relax, meet the people and you will realize that the charm of the area is only heightened by the fading days of summer.



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Leaving Haliburton Village take County Road

One until you reach the South Kashagawigamog Road. The road winds along the shore of one of the more heavily populated lakes in the county. When you reach the hamlet of Ingoldsby, turn left onto the county road. The United Church, on the right, has a beautifully crafted

wooden interior that few other rural churches surpass.

Continue winding along the road until you reach the intersection with County Road One. Turn right and take South Lake Road, to your right after a few hundred yards.

South Lake Road is an easy, pleasant route, with many overhanging trees. Old log barns and new houses add to the charm of the road.

Just before arriving at Minden townsite, travellers should view the area from Panorama Park. The entrance to the scenic lookout is clearly marked and it is a must for this trip. At the park, picnic facilities are available.

At the intersection of the South Lake Road and Highway 35, drive straight ahead onto Newcastle Street.

In the village are several interesting buildings that warrant a closer look. Take Newcastle Street to the main street and turn right, and make another right turn just before crossing the bridge. Drive two blocks and on the right is one of the longest standing log buildings in Haliburton County, the Clergy House.

Built in 1853 from hand hewn timbers, the building acted as an outpost for the Lakefield Logging Company and was later owned by the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, when it earned its name the Clergy House. It is a private residence and not open to the public.

Head back towards the main street and turn right over the bridge; travel up Bobcaygeon Road and on the right you'll notice a log building. This is the cultural centre that houses the library and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Next door is the County Town Museum housed in the old Sterling bank building which was moved from the downtown core to its new location. All the buildings are well worth a visit if

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they are open.

Retrace your steps to the bridge, cross over and make a left turn. Pass by the clergy house and turn north on Highway 35. This highway, named one of the most scenic in the province, is well-paved and heavily travelled but it does offer some excellent views as it rounds lakes and cuts through huge rock bluffs.

One of the most picturesque locations on the highway is at Hart Lodge. You can pull off the road and walk to the water control dam and enjoy a wonderful view of Twelve Mile Lake.

On this route, the traveller turns left at the flashing caution light in Carnarvon. Travel approximately three kilometres, crossing the bridge between Boshkung and Little Boshkung Lakes, then turn right onto the Kushog Lake Road. The bridge offers an excellent view of both lakes and since it is easy to find a parking place here, photographers may wish to take many pictures from different angles.

Once on the Kushog Lake Road, be sure to keep right at the first fork. This will take you north on the Buckslide Road. Although the school at Buckslide has been owned privately for many years, St. Stephen's Church is still open for services every Sunday.

In keeping with Stanhope Township's tradition, the church was also built from stone and has been maintained in perfect condition. Across the road, an enormous stone house also stands, and it too remains in good condition.

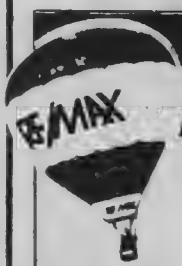
The Buckslide Road ends half a mile from the house and if the traveller wishes to cut the route short at this point, omit the trip to Hawk Lake log chute, turn right and join the route at the North Shore Road.

For those who want to take the trip to the log chute which has been restored to its original

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Still lakes like this one, near Kennisis, mirror autumn's show and lift the spirits of travellers who take the time to look and listen



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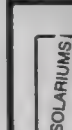




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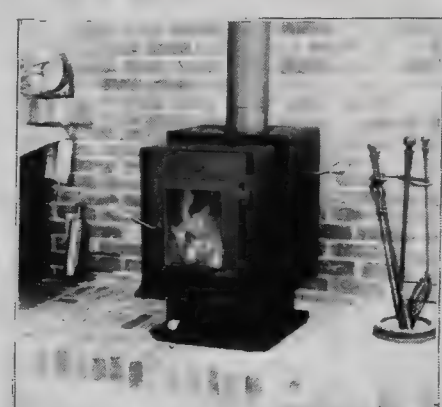


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Log chute not to be missed

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condition by the Township of Stanhope, turn left onto Highway 35. At this point the highway rounds the end of Hall's Lake and travels up a huge hill to the tiny hamlet at the top.

Travel about halfway down the hill, turning right onto the Hawk Lake Road. Turn left at the intersection and follow the fast flowing Hawk River.

This route is extremely picturesque as the trees overhang it and the river burbles along beside it. The township has developed little parks along the way which are great spots for picnicking or for stopping to stretch your legs

in the cool serenity of autumn.

Although the log chute cannot be seen from the road, the Trent Severn Waterway dam above it is visible and there is a turn off for cars to park on.

Pull your vehicle completely off the road and walk down into the small clearing where the chute is located. Be very careful while walking along the rocks because a slip could have serious consequences.

The chute, once used to carry logs through the narrow and rocky channel, was recently restored to preserve the history of the logging

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era. The huge rock embankment offers a spectacular background for pictures of the chute. After enjoying the sound of the roaring water and being covered with its gentle spray, follow your route along the river and return to Highway 35.

At this intersection, overnight travellers can head north to the townsite of Dorset.

For those who like to add educational value to their travels, a stop at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resource Centre is a must. While most organized events take place in the summer, managing the centre's many acres of land never ends and this might be time to acquaint yourself with the centre so you can take advantage of the programs and facilities.

Once in Dorset be sure to visit Robinson's General Store, which was recently named the best country store in Canada.

At Dorset, also make sure to muster your courage to climb the fire tower to enjoy a spectacular view of the county. The winding route of the highway can be seen among the glorious display of autumn colours and Trading Bay lies below you.

Geology enthusiasts may want to drop in at the new resident geologist's office across from the school. Used as a base for the team of ministry geologists, it also houses a permanent collection depicting the county's wealth of ores and minerals as well as a history of how the land masses of Haliburton County were formed.

From Dorset, travel north until the intersection with Highway 60. At anytime it might be wise to find accommodation for the evening before undertaking the long route through Algonquin Park, but the choice is yours.

Highway 60 takes the traveller through the park outside the boundaries of Haliburton County. Once the highway begins to turn south



A trip through Algonquin can be part of a circle tour of the Highlands

again, take Highway 127 when it meets with Highway 60.

The highway will continue south until it heads west again back into Haliburton County. It meets Highway 648 in Highland Grove and the eastern part of the tour can be joined at that point.

If you opt not to take the northern route through Algonquin Park, turn right onto Highway 35 and travel south until the North Shore Road turns left off the highway. This road is in good condition and it too takes the traveller to another magnificent stone building in Stanhope Township.

At the community of Maple Lake, turn right over the bridge and St. Peter's Church stands immediately on the right. Built by architect John Billings, the church has been painted and photographed by thousands of passersby.

Inside, the simple beauty of the wooden pews add to the charm of this quiet country church.

After viewing the church, retrace your steps across the bridge, bearing right along the shores of Maple Lake. This lake, like so many in the county, is practically developed to its capacity, with cottages lining its shore line.

At the end of the Maple Lake Road, turn right, travelling past the Stanhope Airport. The airport is the only facility of its type in the county.

Pass by the airport and turn left just before crossing the bridge. This road offers many picturesque views of Green (Grass) Lake.

When the road comes to an end, the optional trip to Kennis Lake can be followed with a turn to the left. A right turn will lead the traveller through the community of West Guilford.

At the first stop sign, a left turn can be made to join the Eagle Lake tour, in reverse, or a right turn and then a left onto Highway 118 will lead back into Haliburton Village and end another enjoyable autumn tour through the Highlands.

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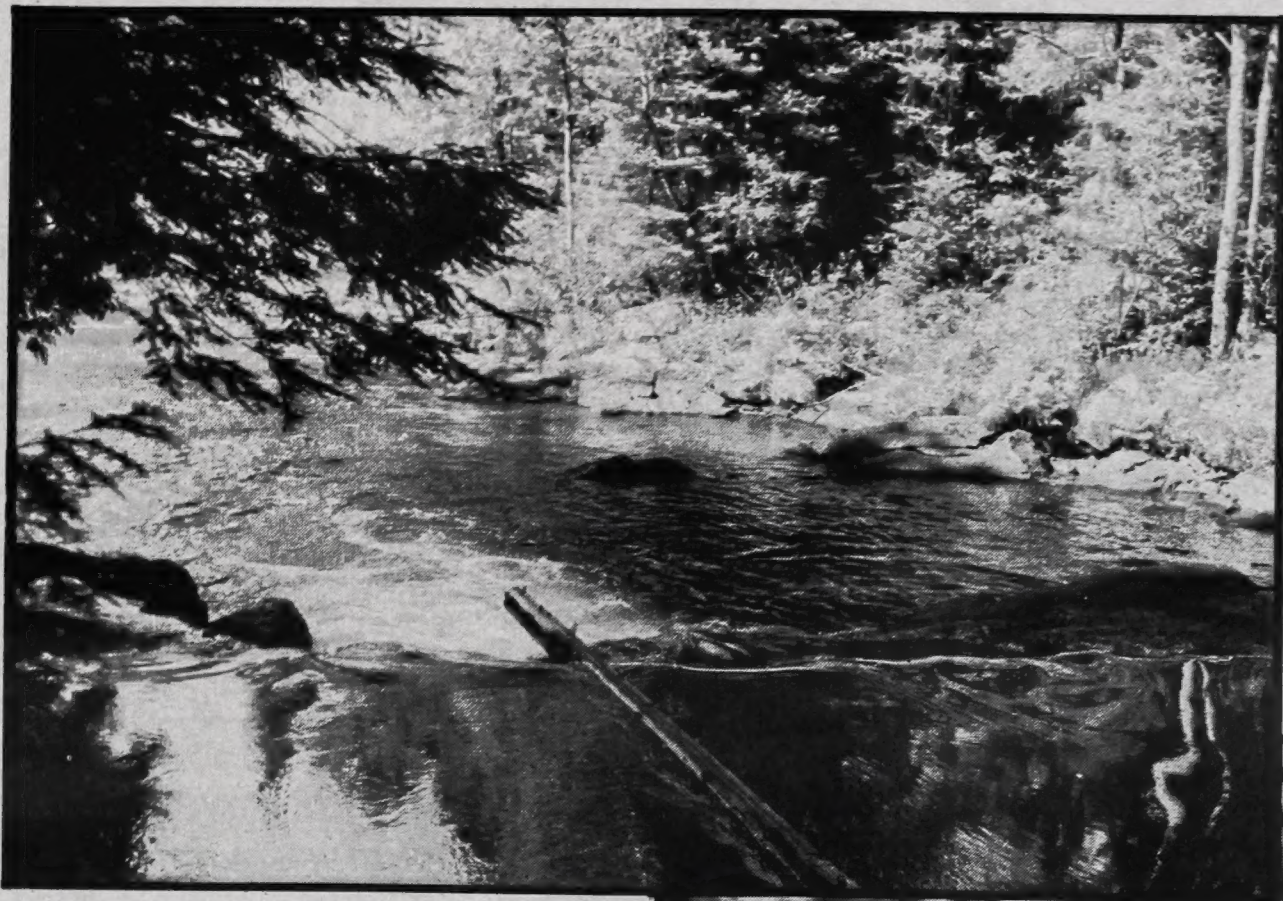
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THE SHORTEST of the three tours suggested in this supplement traces a circuitous route from the village to Haliburton Lake, Eagle Lake, and West Guilford, passing through a variety of terrain and leading to many points of scenic beauty. Driving time is only one hour but there is the option of a side trip to Kennisis Lake, one of the most striking in the county and among

the clearest cottage lakes in Ontario.

The tour begins by crossing the Drag River Bridge on Highland Street and turning left on to Pine Street at the eastern end of the business section. The pool of water beneath the bridge was once a holding point for logs driven down from timber stands to the east in the area of Drag Lake, and several lumber mills stood on this site over the years. The most recent, a veneer mill, has been reduced to an abandoned found-

ation.

As you turn onto Pine Street, note the fine workmanship of the wooden United Church on the right and Banks' Heritage Store on the left. Banks' is said to be the oldest continually operated business in the Highlands, and has been retained in its original condition, preserving a little of the character of earlier days in Haliburton County.

Pine Street becomes the Harburn Road as you steadily climb up the "village hill." The Harburn leads to Drag Lake and Fort Irwin at the south end of Haliburton Lake. About a mile from Haliburton Village, the road edges by a cemetery in which many early settlers are

A watchful traveller may glimpse wildlife

buried. Bear right at the fork just beyond the cemetery and continue eastward to Drag Lake.

Back on the Harburn Road, the traveller passes numerous sideroads pinpointed by cottager name signs, nailed to trees and poles. The entrances to Drag Lake are soon left behind as the road winds beneath a canopy of mixed hardwood forest, offering a tapestry of colour to dazzle the eye and uplift the spirit. There are small ponds at several points along the route which provide stimulating reflections of the season, which you may want to photograph. It is also likely, if you drive slowly, that you will see wildlife in this area.

Fort Irwin is located at the meeting of the waters between Haliburton and Oblong Lakes. Make sure to veer to the left at the first intersec-

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tion before the townsite comes into view or you could be lost on the cottage roads in the district.

In years gone by, Fort Irwin was the hub of logging activities in this sector of the county, but today it thrives on the summer influx of cottagers and tourists. From the bridge there is an exceptional view of Oblong Lake, ringed with hills that plunge to the water's edge.

Retrace your route, approximately 100 feet and turn right to get back onto the paved road that skirts Oblong Lake. There are several excellent views of the lake's north shore as you travel westward towards Eagle Lake.

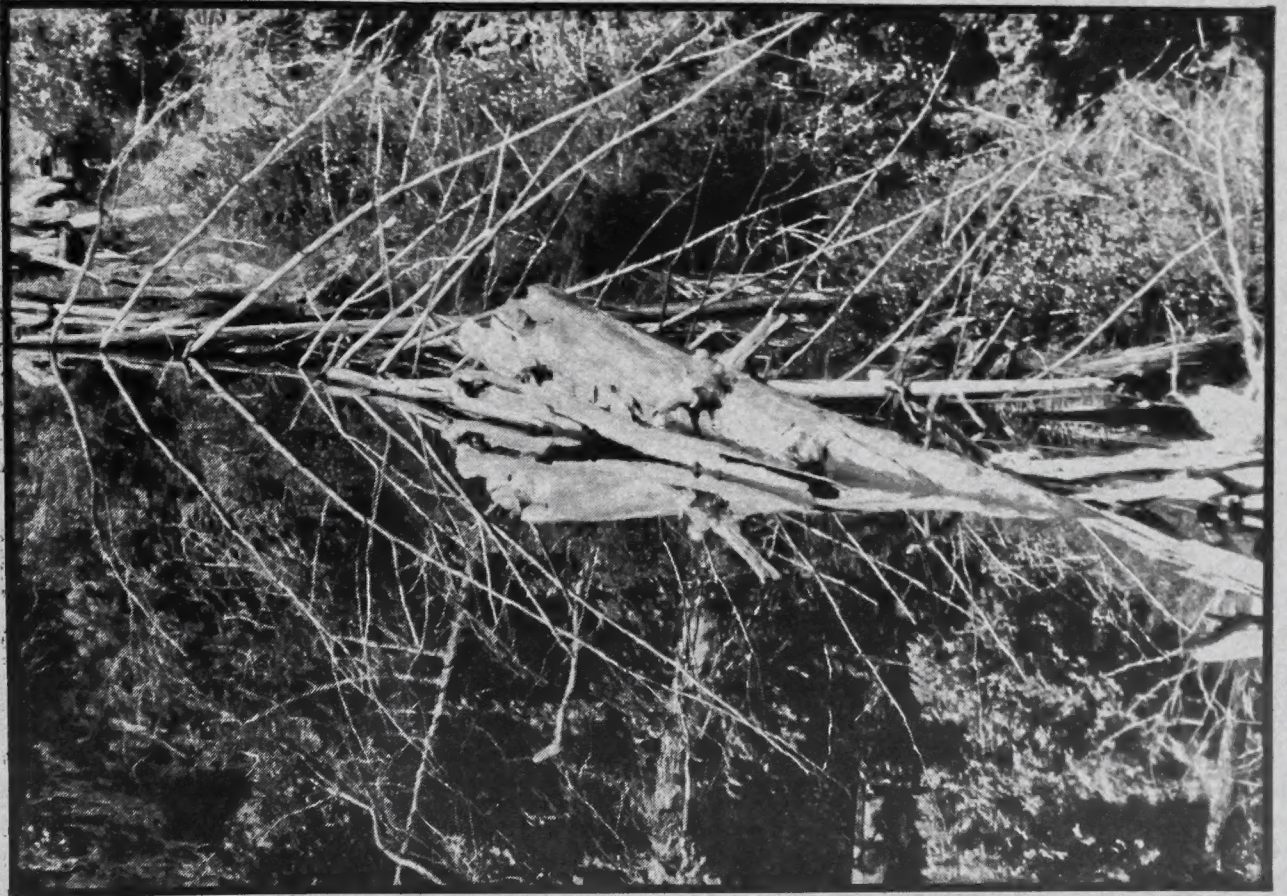
The road continues to wind through rugged hills and dense forests, until, at the top of a rise, Eagle Lake is seen several hundred feet below. The shoulder of the road is just wide enough to allow stopping at this point, but do be careful if you want to get a picture from here.

At the foot of the hill a small bridge spans picturesque rapids taking water from Redstone Lake out of sight to Eagle Lake. From this point, the downhill runs of Sir Sam's Ski Resort can be clearly seen. The route continues around the shore of Eagle Lake, then leaves it behind, climbing and descending into the hamlet of Eagle Lake.

This residential community, which also provides goods and services for many area cottagers, is the location of a large quarry for dolomite, a sparkling white quartz that is used as a decorative building material and is also crushed into grits for poultry.

At the main intersection you can turn right, left or proceed straight ahead. A left turn leads

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Mirror image on a pond near Kennisis

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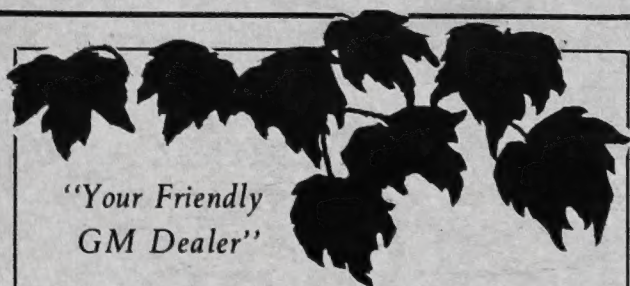
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For a more enjoyable trip, make a right turn following County Road Six to the hamlet of West Guilford. The route provides brief glimpses of Cranberry and Pine Lakes and winds through cleared farm land that supports limited agriculture.

When you reach West Guilford, turn right at the first stop sign if you wish to take the side trip to Kennisis Lake. The trip is about 10 miles, one way, and it travels through the best of Haliburton's countryside.

Near Kennisis Lake is the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, a privately owned tract of land many thousands of acres in size and includes several clear, pleasant lakes as well as unaffected landscape. The reserve is open for day use and a small fee is charged.

At Kennisis Lake, bear right and follow the road until you come to a picnic park at the point where the main lake is fed by its sister lake, known as Little Kennisis. There are washrooms here and it is a perfect place to stop for a rest and a snack.



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